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SF Vision

SF envisions a just, inclusive, equitable, enlightened and responsible society.

SF Mission

SF works with marginalized groups for integrated community development and socio-economic empowerment through access to basic facilities, human resource development, partnership building, awareness-raising and rights based advocacy.

SF Core Values

- ❖ Respect for all
- ❖ Team building
- ❖ Non-discrimination
- ❖ Inclusion
- ❖ Co-existence
- ❖ Transparency & Accountability
- ❖ Humanity is above all

Our Slogan

Bringing Change Together

LET'S VOTE FOR - EDUCATION

In the 70 years' history of country, in spite of many speculation and hurdles, first time two consecutive elected governments completed their tenure and smooth transition of powers from one elected government to new government is witnessed by 20 million people of Pakistan.

The increased awareness among citizens of Pakistan and their support for continuity of democratic system created enabling environment again for Pakistanis to exercise their right to vote and elect their representative to form government and this continuity of the democratic system will certainly lead Pakistan to grow prosperous and peaceful, economically strengthened and invest in developing human capital in the country through protecting citizens' rights.

Though we are going to exercise our right to vote but we should think what will be the prime agenda we promote and ask from candidates to make promises in return of our vote that may change lives of our future generations. We think our top priority demand from people who are contesting election and desire to be elected representatives of us, should be education.

We should ask from our candidates to make promise for allocation of more development budget in education; especially attention should be given to girls education, quality teaching staff, provision of missing facilities and ensure quality of education from primary to higher education. Implementation of article 25-A should be priority of government as constitutional obligation to protect right to education of all children who are out of school. Let's demand and promise that

WE SHALL VOTE ONLY FOR EDUCATION

Strengthening CSOs and LAs for effective accountable and democratic governance and gender responsive public services in Sindh Pakistan in district Umerkot”

Sami foundation (SF) is implementing a project funded



by EU with ActionAid as lead partner under title **“Strengthening CSOs and LAs for effective, accountable and democratic governance and gender responsive public services in Sindh Pakistan in district Umerkot”**.

The overall objective to support an effective civil society and local authorities to achieve the overarching goals of an accountable and transparent local government institution. The project is spread over three year’s period.

Community Awareness Rising Sessions

During the Reporting Sami Foundation Team Organized 14 Awareness rising sessions in various UCs of district Umerkot. The core idea of the Action is to strengthen local government institutions, help them in participatory and gender responsive budget process



and participate in effective planning. Objectives of the

training are to make Active citizens understand their role at different stages of planning. Through this awareness raising sessions we reached to Total 1368 people(men 611 and women 757) who attended these sessions including UC chairman & councilors. These are following villages covered by team,

Village	Men	Women	Total
Syed Fakhur din Shah	40	62	102
Ch .Mohd Ramazan	25	47	72
Bhitaro	22	65	87
Rais Ghulam Rasool Dhonkai	48	54	102
Mohd Ibrahim seenharo	32	54	86
Noor Khan Dhonkai	75	49	124
Havshi Bhagat	75	57	132
Ghulam Nabi Shah	45	57	102
Haji Abdul mutlib Halepoto	41	52	93
Jiyo kolhi	55	46	101
Ramshi Kolhi	48	59	107
Pir Nazeer Jan Sarhandi	35	31	66
Nabisar town	25	85	100
Gamoori	47	52	99
Grand total	611	757	1368

HILLS PROJECT

Our overall project goal is to increase the attention paid to the need for progressive use of tax revenue to improve the quality of public education, and to increase the number of pledges to review existing regulations on tax and earmark new tax revenues for education. ActionAid aims to provide a credible, fair, sustainable, alternative solution to the current model: privatization. The solution we propose increases good governance, promotes equality and social cohesion, while decreasing corruption and aid dependency. Sami foundation conducted household survey in 15 villages of District Umerkot to analysis provision of free education by government in government schools, collected data is shown in graph.

Awareness session with community and children on the tax justice and right to free

and compulsory education

Sami Foundation organized awareness session on the tax justice and right to free and compulsory education at different villages. Sami foundation conducted 02



awareness sessions, participation of session were 60 community members were seen, these sessions aimed to raise awareness among children on their ten rights related to education. While the sessions with community was aimed to orient them about how we pay different taxes to government and how it should be returned to us in terms of improving our lives and protecting our basic rights guaranteed in the constitution of Pakistan.

As informed citizen we should raise for fair taxation where poor pay less and rich more while the collected taxes should be distributed in equitable way so that



every citizen has equal access to their rights and get equal opportunities to improve lives.

Child Message Collection

During the reporting month 382 Child Messages were collected from 12 LRP villages and Children

participation and input were highly appreciated on every level. It was aimed to involve children as well parents to see how these activities bring change in child mind. Children has played more fun activities and



enjoyed as well as learnt from these activities. Beside collection of children messages they were oriented about the benefits of eating different fruits i.e. Apple, Banana and chiko and how these fruits contribute in improving our health and keep us away from different diseases.

MEETINGS WITH WOMEN GROUPS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

During the reporting month Sami Foundation team conducted meetings with women groups in seven LRP villages and discussed different issues of women during these meetings and tried to find solutions.



Mostly women issues related to water, health and hygiene and girls education in Thar area, team conducted 07 meeting with WSGs & 03 meetings with CSGs in which participation of community were 147, female & male were attend meetings, Besides this, 02 meetings with Community support groups were also

conducted in village Maroohar and Village Amarhar in which 32 community group members participated and discussed issues relating to education, water and others.

Tabeer - Consolidating Democracy in Pakistan

Tabeer Consolidating Democracy in Pakistan Programme is organize training workshops for election



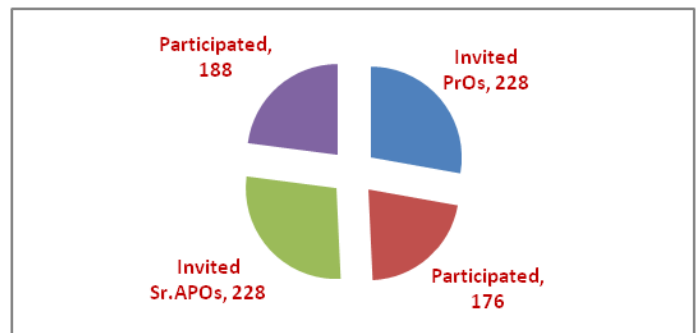
and polling staff by SAMI FOUNDATION - Sindh and KPK for upcoming General Elections 2018. Under this training programme, all Presiding Officers and



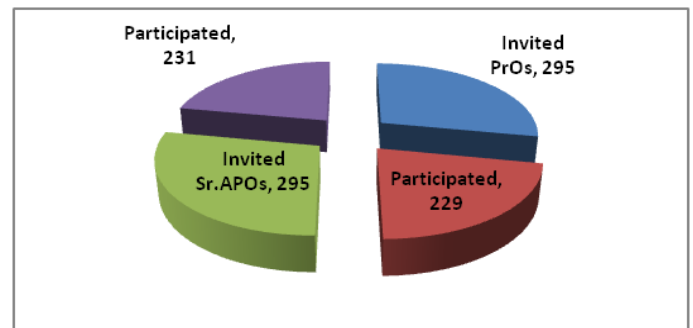
Senior Assistant Presiding Officers will undergo two-day training on electoral process their role and responsibilities. Tabeeers - Consolidating Democracy in Pakistan Program is led by Development Alternative Incorporation (DAI) with support of Sami Foundation. Sami foundation is providing logistic assistance for trainings of Presiding Officers, Senior Assistant Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers. Besides this the project team also providing facilitation to District Election Office in terms of development of training plan, coordination with multi stakeholders to make process more effective and feasible. The training sessions of Polling Officers and Assisting Presiding Officers started in Mirpurkhas Division on 25th of June 2018, Organization provided

logistic assistances to polling staff, and Organization prioritized best set standards of facilitation of polling staff for national cause, team facilitate line departments in coordination planning, identification & communication to identified trainees, notable from line department were participated in training session, DEC, DRO & ROs, NARDA official, representatives of education department, health department & administration focal persons Organization facilitates all stake holders as per requirements. Graphical figures of invited participants Vs trained participants is following,

Graphical Data of District Tharparkar



Graphical Data of District Mirpurkhas



Graphical Data of District Umerkot

